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TECHNICIANS

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(B) LOURENCO MARQUES A-70 (NOTAL)

1. IN SPEECH GIVEN JUNE 10 AT CABORA BASSA, FRELIMO PRESIDENT

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SAMORA MACHEL DESCRIBED AT GREAT LENGTH HOW CABORA BASSA DAM

WAS PART OF STRATEGY OF IMPERIALIST POWERS TO DEFEND THEIR INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN PROCESS, HE STATES THAT TECHNICIANS SENT BY IMPERIALIST POWERS WERE IN REALITY "CAMOUFLAGED SOLDIERS" AND THAT PLAN FORESAW SETTLEMENT IN ZAMBEZE VALLEY OF 1.5 MILLION COLONISTS CONSISTING OF POOR FROM SPAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN WITH OBJECTIVE OF CONSOLIDATING MINORITY REGIME. MACHEL ALSO AFFIRMS THAT THE MOST CRIMINAL, FASCIST, REACTIONARY SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO TETE...SO-CALLED COURAGEOUS ONES "WHO KILL, SLIT THROATS AND THEN EAT BREAD WITH THEIR BLOODY KNIVES TO PROVE THEY ARE EXECUTIONERS...THOSE WHO HAD NO FEAR OF STICKING A BAYONET IN STOMACH OF A PREGNANT WOMAN..."

2. GERMAN CONSUL INFORMS US HE AND FRENCH CONSUL HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CABORA BASSA REPORTING THAT GERMAN AND FRENCH TECHNICIANS ARE ALL THREATENING TO LEAVE AS RESULT OF MACHEL'S SPEECH. GERMAN CONSUL HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO GERMANS IN CABORA BASSA URGING THEM TO CALM DOWN.

3. COMMENT: MACHEL'S SPEECHES CONTINUE TO ALARM NON-BLACK POPULATION AND IF ANYTHING ARE BECOMING MORE STRIDENT AND PROVOCATIVE. RESULT IS ADDED IMPETUS TO EXODUS OF WHITES WHICH IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

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